

WHITWORTH WATER DISTRICT NO. 2

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June 26, 1987

Mr. Fred Gardner  
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Superfund Branch

Re: Colbert Landfill - RI/FS Reports

Dear Mr. Gardner:

I am writing with regard to the public hearing concerning the Colbert Landfill Contamination RI and FS Reports.

The Whitworth Water District has provided, and will continue to provide, alternate water supply to anyone effected by the contamination. The public health concern has been paramount in our desire to provide assistance from the beginning of our involvement.

The FS recommendations indicate the top priority will be extraction, treatment, discharge, with improvements to the water system in the Southern area of \$1,700,000 and Eastern area of \$1,200,000 for a total of \$2,900,000. These are considered to be immediate improvements with a plan for future improvements, as needed, in the Western area.

I must point out that the District must comply with the updated Comprehensive Water Plan, which was required by Dan Sanders of DSHS when the District was requested to provide a line extension west of the Newport Highway to the Hermsmier Addition. The upgrading of the Southern area is the most urgent District need if we are to be in a position responsive to future requests. We therefore ask that the Southern area be classified as immediate remediation.

As to the Eastern area improvements it is not clear as to what the FS recommendations imply relative to an alternative water supply, other than extensions of approximately 28,000 feet of additional mains.

The District would like additional clarification in the Record of Decision as to the following:

1. Provision of water to the nine known residents currently with contaminated wells. If alternate water is to be provided, additional water mains will need to be extended in Hermsmier Addition up Thor and Market streets plus an extension from Yale to Stephens line.



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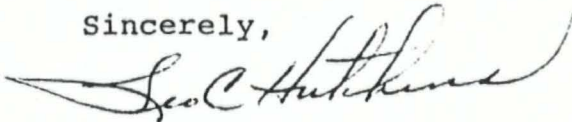
The District is prepared to respond immediately to provide water to any resident with a contaminated well.

2. What is the status on the drilling of new wells in the area? The Spokane County Health Department has denied the drilling of wells because of the contamination problem i.e. Baker Addition. If a moratorium is placed on new wells, what is the time line for water being made available to the property? The District supports a moratorium, see Resolution 86-10.
3. The Wahoo Addition and North Meadows are private systems with substandard mains, therefore if we are to provide water service, an upgrading of mains will be required.
4. We are extremely concerned about the extraction system impacting surrounding wells which we feel is understated in the RI and FS Reports, and encourage you to be sure provisions are made to provide an immediate alternative water source to residents should the wells be impacted.
5. The Burlington Northern position at the public hearing is of major concern to the Whitworth Water District. If they are granted water service it would require installing over a mile of additional mains. The Southern Immediate Needs Project must be in operation before the District can respond to this or any other major line extensions without further impacting the Southern area.

I am sure these items and others will be clarified in the final Record of Discussion. The District is here to provide any assistance we can. Should you need any technical information please don't hesitate to call on Tom Haggarty or myself. The P.R.P.'s no doubt have raised several questions concerning the District.

Thank you for your time. We are confident that in the final analysis you will do whatever is in the best interest of the people and the District.

Sincerely,



Leo C. Hutchins  
Administrator

Enclosure/bjs

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WHITWORTH WATER DISTRICT NO. 2  
SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
RESOLUTION NO. 86-10

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
WHITWORTH WATER DISTRICT NO. 2, SPOKANE COUNTY,  
WASHINGTON PERTAINING TO THE DRILLING OF WELLS IN  
SYSTEM #9.

Whereas, the District serves domestic water supply to the customers of System 9 otherwise known as the Colbert area; and

Whereas, the District is currently providing domestic water supply to the area contaminated by the Colbert Landfill; and

Whereas, the WDOC remedial investigation report for the Colbert Landfill prepared by Golder Associates, May 1986, indicates the contamination plume is moving south and westwardly toward the high density areas of the Water District; and

Whereas, the full extent of health hazards that could result from the continued movement of the contamination plume into the area's ground water is unknown; and

Whereas, the Water District is legally responsible for providing pure and safe water to the area it serves.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved as follows:

No. 1:

The Board of Commissioners of the Whitworth Water District No. 2 will not condone the drilling of wells in System No. 9 described as that property located in sections 2, 3, 10, 11, 14, 15, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, 35, of T27N-R43E and Section 2, 3, T26-R43E.

No. 2:

Whitworth Water District NO. 2 in the interest of protecting its municipal water supply and the health of its users from potential contamination will actively urge that all the appropriate state and federal agencies will declare a moratorium on the drilling of wells in the Colbert area previously described. Accordingly this resolution shall therefore be communicated to the agencies from WDOE, Super Fund Agencies, DOE, DSHS, Spokane County Health, Spokane County Commissioners and etc.

No.3:

In the service areas north of Burnhill and Colbert Roads, the Whitworth Water District may require installation of an RP (back flow preventor) Device, on all water services in order to protect the water system against potential contamination and health hazards to its customers. The District may adjust the boundaries for requiring RP (back flow preventor) device in accordance with the contamination flow.

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Adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Whitworth Water  
District No. 2 at a regular open, public meeting held June  
5, 1986

R. Edward McDaniel  
President and Commissioner  
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Vice President and Commissioner  
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Commissioner

Attest:

Marvin Kelly  
Sec/Treas and Commissioner